



coming events

# Roxbury Heritage State Park Dillaway-Thomas House

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## FALL 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children under 15. Park grounds are open daily, 9:00am-5:30pm. The house is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. For more information, call **857-399-1225** or email [roxbury.heritage@mass.gov](mailto:roxbury.heritage@mass.gov).

- Wednesday-Sunday**  
(ongoing) **DILLAWAY-THOMAS HOUSE SELF-GUIDED TOURS**  
**10:00am—5:00pm**  
Inside this colonial-era house, an interactive exhibit tells the story of Roxbury's evolution across three centuries. Ages 8 and above.
- Thursday-Saturday**  
(ongoing) **DILLAWAY-THOMAS HOUSE GUIDED TOURS**  
**2:00pm—3:00pm**  
This tour highlights events, people and objects from the exhibit. Ages 12 and above. Please call ahead for group tours.

### SPECIAL EVENT

- Saturday, October 21** **ROXBURY RUSSET FESTIVAL!**  
**11:00am—3:00pm**  
Join us in celebrating the Roxbury Russet, the oldest cultivated apple in North America, first grown right here in Roxbury! Apple pressings the old-fashioned way, crafts, music, botanical drawings, free cider donuts, and more! Outdoor family event for all ages.  
In the evening enjoy hard cider tastings (for adults 21+) and a talk by heirloom apple expert John Bunker, hosted at the First Church across the street. *More details on our website soon!*
- Saturdays**  
Sept 9, 23,  
Oct 14,  
Nov 4 **WALKING TOUR: Exploring Roxbury's Wild and Green Spaces**  
**10:00am—12:00pm**  
Put on your hiking shoes! This 2-mile tour visits natural and cultivated green spaces in Roxbury, including designated urban wilds, urban farms, and striking puddingstone formations. Meet at the Dillaway-Thomas House. Please call ahead in case of inclement weather. Suitable for ages 7 and above.

### MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

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### PROGRAMS CONTINUED

#### Sundays

Sept 10, 24,

Oct 8, 22

Nov 5, 19

#### WALKING TOUR: Preserving an Inclusive History

2:00pm-3:30pm

Join us for a one-mile walking tour of Roxbury's Highland Park neighborhood, revealing stories of resilience and community-building in the 1970s, layered into buildings from the 1800s. Meet at the Dillaway-Thomas House. Ages 12 and above. Please call ahead in case of inclement weather.

#### Wednesdays,

#### Thursdays

Sept 20, 21

Oct 11, 12

Nov 15, 16

Dec 13, 14

#### ARCHEOLOGY POP-UP LABS

10:00am—4:00pm

Drop by for an engaging hands-on experience in archeology with our DCR archeologists! Participate in simulated dig activities and help us clean, document, and photograph actual artifacts found at DCR sites. All ages welcome, children (ages 7+) to adults. Groups of six or more, please call to schedule a visit.

#### Wednesday-

#### Sunday

Oct 4-8

#### STORYWALK®: Squirrel's Family Tree by Beth Ferry, illustrated by A.N. Kang

"One busy squirrel, one little acorn, one great oak tree..." Learn about the amazing relationship between squirrels and oak trees over four seasons. And look for them in our park!

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

#### Friday

Nov 10

#### KIDLEIDOSCOPE

10:30am-11:30am

A man packs apples, candles, a birch broom, and other goods his family grows and makes into an ox-cart and takes them to market. We'll read aloud this lyrical journey in **Ox-Cart Man**, and explore similar colonial life across the seasons in the Dillaway-Thomas House. Ages 3-6, siblings welcome.



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